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For : WATER-PURIFYING SOLID MATERIAL MADE OF A NATURAL RAW  
MATERIAL CONTAINING POLYSACCHARIDES AS PRINCIPAL  
COMPONENTS, AND WATER-PURIFYING METHOD USING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 19, 2008, Applicant hereby submits a Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified application together with a requisite fee therefore. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on September 19, 2008, this response is timely filed and Applicant believes a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, if an Extension of Time is deemed necessary, and/or any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.